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Dear Ms. Reesa Dixion

I am resending you the letter and the associated documents concerning the complain that I filed with the Federal Election Commission. Request that this matter be investigated by your office. As this matter has become very public here in Idaho during the political campaigns, I request that this complaint be given the highest priority.

I have further checked with the postal authorities here, and they can not supply me any further tracking numbers on this matter, other than to tell me it was received by the mail center on August 22, 2006. I would further request that you agency continue to try and determine who or where my original letter was received and handled. The tracking of "Certified Mail" should be much closer followed within your agency.

I would like to thank you for the help you have provided on this matter. Please advise me if you need any further information from me.

Sincerely

Dave Olson

olsonforcongress@hotmail.com

Subscribed and sworn to me Sylvia M Chapma a notary public on this 17th day of November, 2006

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Who Must File FEC Form 2

Each individual who is a candidate for federal office must file FEC FORM 2 or, if not filing electronically, a letter containing the same information within 15 days of becoming a candidate. An individual becomes a candidate for federal office whenever any of the following events occur:

- •The individual has received contributions aggregating in excess of \$5,000 or made expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000;
- •The individual has given his or her consent to another person to receive contributions or make expenditures on behalf of that individual and such person has received contributions aggregating in excess of \$5,000 or made expenditures aggregating in excess of \$5,000;
- •The aggregate of contributions received in 1 and 2 above combined exceeds \$5,000 or the aggregate of expenditures made in 1 and 2 above combined exceeds \$5,000.

Funds received and payments made for the purpose of determining whether an individual should become a candidate are not considered "contributions" or "expenditures" which may trigger candidacy. Only funds permissible under the Act may be used for such activities. See 11 CFR 100.72(b) and 100.131 for further information.

Note: Political committees (except for principal campaign committees of Senate candidates) must file reports in an electronic format under 11 CFR 104.18 if they have either received contributions or made expenditures in excess of \$50,000 during a calendar year, or if they have reason to expect that they will exceed either of those thresholds during the calendar year. If the committee has reached this level of activity, you must file this form in an electronic format

An authorized committee of a candidate is considered to have reason to ex-

pect it will exceed the electronic filing threshold for the next two calendar years after the calendar year in which it exceeds \$50,000 in contributions or expenditures.

A new authorized committee with no previous contributions or expenditures is considered to have reason to expect it will exceed the electronic filing threshold if it exceeds \$12,500 in contributions or expenditures during the first calendar quarter of the calendar year, or \$25,000 in contributions or expenditures in the first half of the calendar year.

Contact the FEC for more information on filing electronically.

When to File

FEC FORM 2 must be filed within 15 days after an individual becomes a candidate (i.e., exceeds the \$5,000 threshold as stated in 1, 2, and 3, above).

Where to File

(See also instructions for Line 7, below.)

 Senate Candidates Candidates seeking nomination or election to the United States Senate file with the Secretary of the Senate, Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510-7116. Mail addressed to the Secretary of the Senate should read: "Office of Public Records, P.O. Box 5109, Alexandria, VA 22301-0109." Additionally, when filling out Line 9 (Declaration of Intent to Expend Personal Funds), the candidate must send a copy of FEC Form 2 or the information required therein to the Federal Election Commission by facsimile machine (to 202-219-0174) or by electronic mail (to 2022190174@fec.gov) The candidate must also simultaneously send a copy via facsimile machine or electronic mail to each opposing candidate 11 CFR 400 20(b)(1). Fax numbers and electronic mail addresses for opposing candidates are available from the web site at www fee.gov

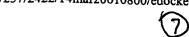
- ·House Candidates. Candidates seeking nomination or election to the US. House file with the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC. 20463. Additionally, when filling out Line 9 (Declaration of Intent to Expend Personal Funds), the candidate must send a copy of FEC Form 2 or the information required therein to the Federal Election Commission by facsimile machine (to 202-219-0174) or by electronic mail (to 2022190174@fec.gov). The candidate must also simultaneously send a copy via facsimile machine or electronic mail to each opposing candidate. 11 CFR 400.20(b)(2). Fax numbers and electronic mail addresses for opposing candidates are available from the FEC's web site at www.fec.gov.
- Presidential/Vice-Presidential Candidates. Candidates seeking nomination or election to the offices of U.S. President or U.S. Vice President file with the Federal Election Commission, 999 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20463.

State Filing. House and Senate candidates must file a copy of this form with the state in which the office is sought, with the exception of candidates in states that have qualified for the Commission's state filing waiver program. Presidential candidates must file a copy of this form in states where they have made expenditures, with the exception of those states that have qualified for the Commission's state filing waiver program. A list of qualified states is available from the Federal Election Commission

Candidate Duties and Responsibilities

The candidate is personally responsible for the timely and complete filing of this Statement and for the accuracy of any information contained in it.





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TITLE 11--FEDERAL ELECTIONS

CHAPTER I -- FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

PART 400--INCREASED LIMITS FOR CANDIDATES OPPOSING SELF-FINANCED CANDIDATES--Table of Contents

Subpart B--Notification and Reporting Requirements

Sec. 400.20 Declaration of intent.

- (a) Senate and House of Representatives--(1) When and where filed. Within 15 days of becoming candidate, the candidate must file a Declaration of Intent with the Commission and with each opposing candidate.
- (2) Contents of declaration. The Declaration of Intent must state the total amount of expenditures from personal funds that the candidate intends to make with respect to the election that will exceed the threshold amount as defined in 11 CFR 400.9. A candidate who does not intend to make expenditures from personal funds that will exceed the threshold amount as defined in 11 CFR 400.9 may state the amount as \$0.
- (b) Methods of filing--(1) Senate. Declarations of Intent must be noted on the candidate's Statement of Candidacy, FEC Form 2. (See 11 CFR 101.1.) The candidate must send a copy of his or her Statement of Candidacy to the Commission using a facsimile machine or electronic mail in addition to filing his or her official copy of the Statement of Candidacy on paper with the Secretary of the Senate. The candidate must send by facsimile machine or electronically mail his or her FEC Form 2 or the information required therein by 11 CFR 101.1, including the amount by which the candidate intends to exceed the threshold amount, to each opposing candidate.
- (2) House of Representatives. Declarations of Intent must be noted on the candidate's Statement of Candidacy, FEC Form 2. (See 11 CFR 101.1.) FEC Form 2 must be filed electronically in accordance with 11 CFR 104.18 if the candidate intends to exceed the threshold amount defined in 11 CFR 400.9(b). Candidates must send by facsimile machine or electronically mail his or her FEC Form 2 or the information required therein by 11 CFR 101.1, including the amount by which he or she intends to exceed the threshold amount, to each opposing candidate.

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<info@fec.gov>

Friday, June 30, 2006 5:51 PM

Sent: To:

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bill@billsali.com

Subject:

FEC Form 2./candidate status

A review of our records indicates that a response may not have been sent to you. A We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your patience.

Dear Mr. Olson,

This responds to your May 18 query (via 1st class mail) regarding candidate status and the FEC Form 2 filing requirements. Â In your letter you asked:

- 1. What is an opposing candidate?
- 2. When does an individual become an opposing candidate?
- '3. When is notification required?
- 4. What is meant by "simultaneously�
 - 5. Why can not (sic) all candidates notify â€ceach opposing candidate†regardless of when they signed up? Â Does this not give an advantage to incumbents and party candidates?

Your first four questions can be answered by reference to the Federal regulations governing the financing of campaigns for Federal office.

- 1 & 2. According to Federal law, an individual becomes a candidate when he or she has received over \$5,000 in contributions or made over \$5,000 in expenditures seeking Federal office. A 11 CFR 100.3(a). An individual becomes an "opposing candidate†by seeking nomination or election for the same office another candidate is seeking. 11 CFR 400.3.
- 3 & 4. As the instructions for Form 2 state, either a copy of Form 2 or equivalent information must be filed with each opposing candidate and with the FEC within 15 days of becoming a candidate. Â 11 CFR 400.20. The term "simultaneously†does not appear in section 400.20; however, the section implies that both the FEC and each opposing candidate must receive the information within 15 days of when the individual has become a candidate.

Your fifth question raises some interesting issues not directly addressed in our regulations. Â You might consult the Explanation and Justification for the regulations on this matter in order to gain an understanding of what the Commission was considering when they drafted the regulations. Â

The E&J is available on the FEC web site (http://www.fec.gov/law/cfr/ej_citation_part400_subpartsAB.shtml).

I hope this response has helped to clarify the regulations for you. A If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours.



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Dave Olson P.O. Box 251 St. Maries, Idaho 83861

Dear Sirs

I am a House Candidate for the Idaho 1st House of Representative seat. I am writing concerning compliance requirements for the Statement of Candidacy (FEC Form 2) and for candidates to furnish copies "to each opposing candidate." I have become involved in a dispute with the other candidates running against me.

I have made public statements in local forums that the other candidates have fail to comply with Federal Election Commission law, instructions and requirement to send or furnish my campaign committee with copies of their FEC Form 2. Several of the other candidates have even failed to comply after I have furnished them copies of my query and your responds. At present there are four opposing candidates to me, I have mailed copies of my Form 2 to each and have not received any in return.

The opposing candidates are:

Bill Sali, Rep.
Paul Smith, Con.
Larry Grant, Dem.
Andy Hedden-Nicely, United.
P.O. Box 71, Kuna, Id. 83634
P.O. Box 5, Letha, Id. 83636
P.O. Box 489, Fruitland, Id. 83619
P.O> Box 2109, Boise, Id. 83712

In accordance with and based on the following Federal Regulations, instructions, inquiry and your responds:

- 1. Federal Elections Title 11, Part 400, Section 400.20 Declaration of Intent.
- 2. Federal Election Commission, Instruction for Statement of Candidacy (FEC Form 2).
- 3. My letter of query, dated May 18, 2006
- 4. Your responds date June 30, 2006 5:51PM

I would like to file a formal complaint with the Federal Election Commission, alleging violation of Federal Election regulations governing the financing of campaigns for Federal office. As this is a very serious accusation, that I do not make lightly, I further request the speediest and earliest possible action to resolve this matter be taken.

Sincerely

Dave Olson

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Dear Sirs

I am a House Candidate for the Idaho 1st House of Representative seat. A recent dispute has arisen between me and another Candidate, Bill Sali. This is over the Instructions for Statement of Candidacy, 11CFR400.20(b)(2) and inquiries I have made. I would therefore like to reconfirm my understanding of the requirements of notification.

Under the Instruction for Statement of Candidacy (FEC Form2), "The candidate must also simultaneously send a copy via facsimile machine or electronic mail to each opposing candidate."

Under 11CFR400.20(b)(2), "Candidates must send by facsimile machine or electronically mail his or here FEC Form 2 or the information required therein by 11CFR101.1, including the amount by which he or she intends to exceed the threshold amount, to each opposing candidate."

It is my contention that notification must take place regardless of when a candidate registers. Under the eligibility requirements, those candidates that are party affiliated can sign up earlier, while those candidates not party affiliated are required to obtain signatures (500) to be on the ballot. This creates an additional burden and time consuming effort on the individual candidate. To then require them to notify "each opposing candidate" that signed up ahead of them and not to require those candidate to return a notification, creates and unfair advantage for party candidates.

Mr. Sali contends that "simultaneously" means that notification is only required to those candidates that have signed up ahead of them and not to those candidates who signed up later.

I would therefore request a clarification or ruling on this matter concerning;

- 1. What is an opposing candidate?
- 2. When does an individual become an opposing candidate?
- 3. When is notification required?
- 4. What is meant by "simultaneously"?
- 5. Why can not all candidates notify "each opposing candidates" regardless of when they signed up? Does this not give an advantage to incumbents and party candidates?

This matter has become very public early in the campaigning and I request a reply or ruling at the earliest possible time. Would it be possible to reply to my email; olsonforcongress@hotmail.com with an info copy to bill@billsali.com Thank You for your help on this matter.

Dave Olson